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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Michelle R. Lehmeier et al.

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Application No.: 09/873,687

Examiner: I. M. Woo

Filing Date: June 4, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2172

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR COMBINING VOICE ANNOTATION AND RECOGNITION
SEARCH CRITERIA WITH TRADITIONAL SEARCH CRITERIA INTO METADATA

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 20, 2000. If the above- application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114

- () Previously submitted:
() Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
() Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
() Other _____.
- (X) Enclosed:
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() Affidavit(s)/Declarations(s)
() Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
() Other _____.

Miscellaneous

- () Suspension of action is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
The fee for this Suspension is (37 CFR 1.17(i)) \$130.00
() Other _____.

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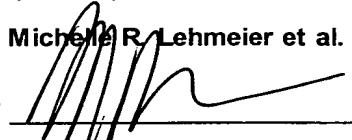
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A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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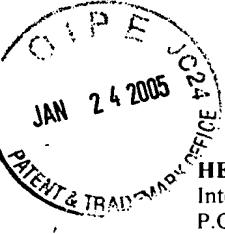
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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.